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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Howle et al.)
Serial No.: 09/916,355) Examiner: Fortuna, Jose A.
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE TIME
SUBMISSION OF EXTENSION FEE
FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003 for three month from October 1, 2003 to January 2, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528. This form is submitted in duplicate.

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